

## BH Marine Kills Tiger With Bayonet

A Benton Harbor marine stationed in South Vietnam, with the Third Infantry division, was credited with saving the life of a fellow marine, by killing a giant tiger with a bayonet shortly after it had pounced on his buddy.

Lance Cpl. Danny V. Green, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Green, route 1, box 313-D, Benton Harbor, was on routine patrol with his fellow marine when the incident occurred.

Lance Cpl. Green's father revealed that his son in a letter told him that he was afraid to use his gun for fear of

shooting his buddy, during the wild scramble he was having with the tiger.

As a last resort, Lt. Cpl. Green stabbed the tiger in the head several times with his bayonet, finally killing the huge animal.

Green said that his son wrote the tiger was eight feet long (not including tail length) and claims it weighed nearly 800 pounds. The unusual hand-to-hand combat occurred shortly before Christmas day, just south of the demilitarized

zone.

Green also revealed that a television war correspondent for one of the major U.S. networks interviewed his son. "Danny and the tiger appeared on one of the recent night newscasts, but I missed it," Green said. "A few of the neighbors and close friends saw it however."

Lance Cpl. Green, graduated from Benton Harbor High school in 1966. He enlisted in the U.S. Marines in April, 1967, and has been in Vietnam since April of 1968.



**SAVES BUDDY'S LIFE:** Benton Harbor Marine Lance Cpl. Danny V. Green, stationed in South Vietnam with the Third Infantry division stands next to the tiger which he killed with his bayonet, after the animal had pounced on a fellow marine while they were on routine patrol.

## NORTH BERRIEN SEWAGE UNIT COST SET AT \$12.9 MILLION

### They'll Get \$2,500 Plus

#### Berrien Supervisors Eye Bigger Pay, Workload

By BRANDON BROWN  
Staff Writer

Berrien county's new 21-man board of supervisors Thursday voted itself salaries and daily pay expected to produce about \$3,500 annually per man—more than three times the 1968 average.

Given the somewhat unusual privilege of setting their own pay scale by law, they adopted a \$2,500 annual salary plus \$25 per diem for official board and committee meetings.

And they'll be earning every nickel of it, said County Affairs Chairman Leslie Fischer, with increased work since the board was cut from 49 men.

He said a survey shows Berrien's \$2,500 salary and \$25 per diem "in line" with those in 20 other counties.

#### ONLY ONE LOWER

Only one county, Van Buren, has a lower rate than the new Berrien pay, according to District 16 Supervisor Kenneth Wendzel. The salary there is \$1,800 plus \$30 a day for meetings. In Cass the rate is \$2,400 and \$40.

The resolution adopted Thursday also includes 10 cents a mile to and from meetings and an extra \$600 a year for the chairman, making the salary of Frank Poorman of Buchanan \$3,100 a year, plus per diem.

The 1968 rate on the old 49-member board of supervisors was no salary, \$20 a day and 10 cents a mile. Supervisors estimated average annual pay for the old board at about \$1,000 per man.

"I'm satisfied with your schedule, but if anything it's on the low side, considering the caliber of men on the board," District 18 Supervisor Ernest Chase said to Fischer.

Since the board has been pared from 49 to 21 men the workload is considerably higher and supervisors can expect dozens of paid and unpaid meetings, especially in liaison with the local government units in their districts, Fischer said.

Fischer explained the committee's thinking was to equate the supervisor's job to at least a \$10,000 per year full-time executive position. "Conservatively," he said after the meeting, "we figure supervisors will have to devote at least a third of a day to the job if they are going to do it right."

Chairmen among the four major and two minor committees that replace 15 committees on the 1968 board reported subcommittee assignments Thursday and indicated they're ready to dig hard into the business of running the county government.

**COURT SET UP 'LOUSY'**  
In a brief sketch of county buildings after a tour Wednesday, freshman County Administration Chairman Otto Grau termed Fifth District (all Berrien except Twin Cities) court facilities "lousy" and promised a full report later.

"I think it's a lousy job that's been done" and his committee will do "a complete overhaul," Grau said.

There are many problems with district court, a few with the juvenile home at Berrien Center and virtually none at the county dog pound nearby, he



OTTO GRAU  
Court 'Lousy'



LESLIE FISHER  
Tells Salaries

### BH Mayor May Have Opposition

#### Insurance Agent Takes Out Petition

Benton Harbor Mayor Wilbert Smith may have opposition for the office of mayor for the first time since 1955. A newcomer to politics, James Toliver, 49, of 543 Cherry street, took out a petition for the office this morning.

Toliver, who is associate manager of the Great Lakes Insurance firm, Fidelity building, said he has decided to run for mayor because he thinks the city is ready for a change.

"A mayor who is elected term after term without any opposition becomes complacent," he said.

"I think I can be an asset to the city, having lived here for the last 35 years," Toliver said.

#### SEEKS 7TH TERM

Mayor Smith, who is seeking a seventh term, has been unopposed for the office since he defeated former Mayor Alfred Hinkelman in 1955. Mayor Smith pulled 2,299 votes to Hinkelman's 1,065.

Toliver took out nominating petitions this morning at the city clerk's office. Mayor Smith already has filed. The deadline is noon on Jan. 25.

Toliver moved to Benton Harbor from Arkansas 35 years ago. He is married to the former Ann Tiller and has five daughters, Shiela, 21, Sharon, 19, Shirley, 18, Greta, 13, and Gwendolyn, 6. His wife is a ward clerk at St. Joseph (See back page, sec. 1, col. 5)



JAMES TOLIVER

### Planned For Paw Paw Lake Area

#### Would Serve 25,000 In 5 Municipalities

**WATERVLIET** — A regional planning commission for the cities of Coloma and Watervliet and the townships of Hagar, Coloma and Watervliet, last night recommended a \$12.9 million sewage treatment system be built to serve the area.

Fred A. Munchow Jr., chairman of the Paw Paw Lake Regional Planning Commission which met in the city hall, said the decision was unanimous.

Governing bodies of the five municipalities were asked to concur quickly so that possible funds from the state bond issue passed in November may be sought.

Munchow said a spokesman for the commission's engineering firm said funds for certain phases of the program would be available if a request is made soon. The phases were not previously covered by either state or federal aid programs.

#### LOWER INTEREST

If approved by the five governments, an authority would be created so that the program could be carried out through the Berrien County Board of Public Works. Under the county BPW, the county guarantees the bonds for the work and reduces interest charges.

The amount of loans is limited to the bonding capacity of the governments making up the authority.

Munchow said the commission plans no further session on the proposal until the five governments have acted.

Under the proposal, a new sewage plant would be built west of Coloma and be tied in with existing plants in Coloma and Watervliet.

Main lines, lift stations and pump stations would run from the plant through the five municipalities. Smaller lines would carry the service to individual owners.

Both existing plants, if the new system is not carried out, face a major improvement program by 1972 to meet new state requirements on secondary treatment of sewage.

The new main plant with lift stations and pumping stations would cost about \$3 million, according to the engineering report of Ayres, Lewis, Norris

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DR. COURTNEY SMITH  
Heart Attack Claims  
Proxy of Strife-Torn College

### Death Ends Disturbance At College

#### Swarthmore's President Dies During Protest

By Associated Press  
The death of its president brought peace to racially troubled Swarthmore College today and officials of the University of Minnesota restored order in an administration building damaged by students in a 24-hour sit-in.

Still in turmoil, however, were San Francisco State College, where bombs came into play, and Brandeis University, where the campus communications center remained in the hands of 65 Negroes for the 10th day.

Dr. Courtney Craig Smith, 52, died of a heart attack in his office at Swarthmore Thursday, a day after naming a faculty committee to deal with Negro student demands for special racial privileges.

**CALL MORATORIUM**  
Because of his death 40 members of the Afro-American Student Society ended a one-week sitdown in the college admissions office and called a moratorium on discussions. They said they had not given up their demands.

President Malcolm C. Moos of the University of Minnesota said members of the Afro-American Action Committee and Students for a Democratic Society had caused \$11,000 damage to furniture and records in an administration building which they had occupied Tuesday night and Wednesday.

Moos appointed a fact-finding committee to determine responsibility for the damage as a first step toward fixing possible punishment for the students.

**BOMB FOUND**  
At San Francisco State, where part of the faculty went on strike 10 days ago and the Black Students Union has been staging demonstrations for months, an unexploded time bomb was found Thursday near the office of President S.I. Hayakawa.

A smoke bomb forced the evacuation of two campus buildings and police detained a coed for questioning.

At Brandeis, 24 students who disrupted a classroom in a demonstration of support for the Negro rebels in control of the communications building signed a letter of apology.

The Negroes refused to budge from the communications center but the university restored campus communications by having telephone controls installed in another building.

There was trouble at other campuses across the nation. In Wilberforce, Ohio, a fire (See back page, sec. 1, col. 4)

### Another Strike At Atom Plant

#### Third 'Wildcatter' In Two Months

**COVERT** — Construction at Consumer Power Company's Palisades Power Plant was halted again today with the third wildcat strike in two months, South Haven state police said.

Troopers said the strike apparently started around noon Thursday when a few welders walked off their jobs in protest to the firing of another welder. By 5 o'clock, picket lines were up, police said.

**NO ONE CROSSES**  
A spokesman for Bechtel Corporation, general contractor for the construction job, said this morning that the strike has affected nearly all of the 500 employees. A total of 92 workers, members of Pipefitters Local 337, were picketing the site but other workers were honoring the picket lines, police said.

Don Bailey, a plant supervisor, told state police the strike started Thursday afternoon after a welder was fired for making bad welds. He said the other welders who walked off their jobs were friends of the fired man and that he did not expect further trouble at that time.

**TRAFFIC JAM**  
Troopers and Van Buren sheriff's deputies were summoned to the construction site around 6:40 a.m. today when there was a report of trouble. Police said they found about 100 cars blocking the road to the plant but learned that the confusion was caused by workers who did not know about the strike and were trying to get to work.

Workers struck the plant for about two days Dec. 26, and an earlier wildcat strike occurred on Dec. 17 for one day. All of the strikes have been over labor disputes.

**Judge Rejects  
Hargitay Claim**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — A judge rejected Thursday actor-musician Mickey Hargitay's claim for \$257,533 from the estate of his ex-wife, actress Jayne Mansfield, for support of their three children.

## Doctors Back Warren Report

### Kennedy Autopsy Figures In Shaw Trial

By MIKE ROUSE  
Associated Press Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A panel of medical experts which met in secret last year says the autopsy findings on President John F. Kennedy were correct as detailed in the Warren Commission Report and prove he was shot twice from behind.

The report was made public by the Justice Department Thursday night on the eve of court proceedings on a petition by New Orleans Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison to gain possession of autopsy photographs and x-rays in the hope of proving the Presi-

dent was hit by one bullet fired from in front of him, and another fired at his back.

Garrison subpoenaed the material as evidence in the trial of Clay L. Shaw, retired 55-year-old New Orleans businessman charged with conspiring to murder Kennedy.

Garrison claims he can use the photographs and x-rays to prove at least one of the bullets which struck Kennedy in Dallas five years ago was fired from his front.

This would show that a conspiracy was involved, whereas the Warren Commission concluded Kennedy was shot by one man, Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone.

Release of a panel of medical experts report on the autopsy means that "we're getting the same old sleight of hand," says James Alcock, chief assistant to Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison.

**NOT SATISFIED**  
"This obviously doesn't satisfy our subpoena," Alcock said Thursday night.

Garrison's office will press for autopsy documents, including photographs and X-rays, at a sessions court hearing in Washington today, Alcock said.

Alcock will handle the courtroom prosecution in the trial of Clay Shaw, 55, a retired New Orleans businessman charged with conspiring to assassinate Kennedy. The trial is scheduled to start Tuesday.

The report released in Washington concluded that Kennedy was shot twice from behind, Garrison maintains that the

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**Injured Sailor  
Calls Wife At  
Stevensville**

William Schieber, aviation ordnanceman, was wounded with shrapnel in head and both legs in explosion on carrier USS Enterprise in Pacific. He called his wife, Gerry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale McDannell, Red Arrow highway, Stevensville, last night. Schieber said surgeons at Tripler Army hospital, Hawaii, had removed all but one piece of metal and he's to have further surgery Sunday. He expects to return to mainland about mid-February.

Captains Table, Diffenderfer's Trio, featuring Ray Norberg, Sat., 9-1.

**They Better  
Practice What  
They Preach!**

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** — The city Health Department's program to curb over population through family planning has been cut back, the Board of Health was told, because three employees of the family planning clinic have resigned in recent weeks. They were pregnant.

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## Editorial Page

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### The Pueblo Probe

At the request of Commander Lloyd M. Bucher, the Navy has delayed a court of inquiry into all aspects of the North Koreans' seizure of the intelligence ship, the Pueblo.

Bucher sought the postponement for the stated reason of wanting to engage a civilian lawyer to represent him at the hearings.

A court of inquiry carries no implication of wrongdoing and under military law it is an option available to any personnel.

Its principle purpose is to determine what went wrong under a given set of circumstances and in the Navy it is almost routine to convene the court whenever a ship is lost.

Exercising the optional privilege in the military branches is a rarer thing.

One of the most celebrated instances was that of Maj. Reno who called for an inquiry following the massacre of Custer's command at the Little Big Horn in 1876.

Custer's widow publicly accused Reno of failing to come to her husband's assistance. Reno demanded the inquiry as the means to vindicate his action.

The inquiry, held at Chicago, raised more questions than it answered, and military historians still argue heatedly over who was at fault in this most dramatic setback ever experienced by the Army.

Admiral John J. Hyland, the Pacific fleet commander, authorized the Pueblo inquiry. He is quoted as telling the crew, "You are regarded as a group of young heroes and we are very proud of the way you stuck it out for such a prolonged period."

The Pueblo's crew of 82 officers and men were released by the North Koreans on December 23, exactly 11 months following the ship's capture. The body of another crewman who died in captivity went with the survivors.

The statement of Admiral Hyland and other high ranking officers raises an assumption the Navy is convoking the court to re-examine the rules of behavior for U.S. military men taken prisoner.

The current rules are embodied in a six-point code President Eisenhower promulgated in 1955 after inquiry revealed that North Korea and Red China had brainwashed many prisoners and induced some to become defectors.

The Pueblo incident which repeats the "confessions" and prisoner brutality unveiled in the

Korean War presumably prompts the current investigation.

In less sophisticated days, when the Geneva Convention was an honored document, the formula followed by all nations was that prisoners of war were required to give their "name, rank, and serial number," and nothing more. In the aftermath of the Korean War, 565 former American POWs were investigated for allegedly collaborating with the enemy. According to reports at the time, thousands more had given their captors more than the three basic items of information.

Of 4,428 Americans who survived their captivity in the Korean War, 21 became turncoats, refusing repatriation; and 192 of the returnees, in the words of the U.S. Advisory Committee on Prisoners of War, were found "chargeable with serious offenses against comrades or the United States."

Only a few were court-martialed, and the charge against them was for "aiding the enemy," an offense which verges on treason.

President Eisenhower's code, advisory but not binding, adds "date of birth" to name, rank and serial number. It further states: "I will evade answering further questions to the utmost of my ability. I will make no oral or written statements disloyal to my country and its allies or harmful to their cause."

Commander Bucher in his well publicized press statement at Panmunjom on December 23 said: "We went through a harassment period there that was never ending, continued repetition of charges against us which eventually, of course, were admitted to by myself in order to save some people from some fairly serious misfortune."

The plight of the Pueblo crew has been described by London's Daily Sketch, which notes that they were beaten and bullied by the North Koreans. "Now they are to be interviewed by intelligence officers and psychiatrists in their own country," says the newspaper. "For years they may be watched and very probably they will be periodically vetted (quizzed). However slight, there will always remain the risk that members of the crew may have been brainwashed into becoming potential traitors to their own country."

The British paper makes the point that all this is through no fault of their own, and comments: "What a treacherous world we live in."

### Messy Coffee

Brazil has an awful lot of coffee, and U. S. consumers drink an awful lot of coffee. It would seem there should be a perfect trade relationship between the two countries regarding this commodity. But there isn't.

Relations between the two governments have been deteriorating, largely over coffee. The problem is the cumbersome international coffee agreement which is supposed to provide producers what they consider a fair price, while keeping the cost to consumers at a level they consider fair.

There was a time when such agreements were made in the market place. As with many other commodities, the buyer and the seller bargained until the deal was consummated. Coffee agreements today are much more complicated than this.

In its benevolence, Washington years ago decided it could combine foreign policy with commodity exchanges. One of the areas it ventured deeply into was the coffee bean. Agreements were negotiated with coffee producing

countries which contained a guaranteed price higher than the market price.

The intent was to provide a subsidy to nations such as Brazil while encouraging them to diversify and enlarge their economic base. The subsidies have had the unfortunate effect of continuing the heavy reliance upon coffee.

Recently the Brazilians have made efforts at diversification, into instant coffee. They have been shipping large quantities of the product into the United States, much to the dismay of domestic producers, who point out they are compelled to pay a high Brazilian export tax for their beans and the Brazilian producers do not.

Brazil agreed to slap a similar tax on its domestic producers, but has failed to do so. The proposed Brazilian import has been branded by Brazil's coffee producers as a sellout to U. S. trusts, and the pot boils.

How much simpler it all would be if trade between nations once again involved products instead of good intentions.

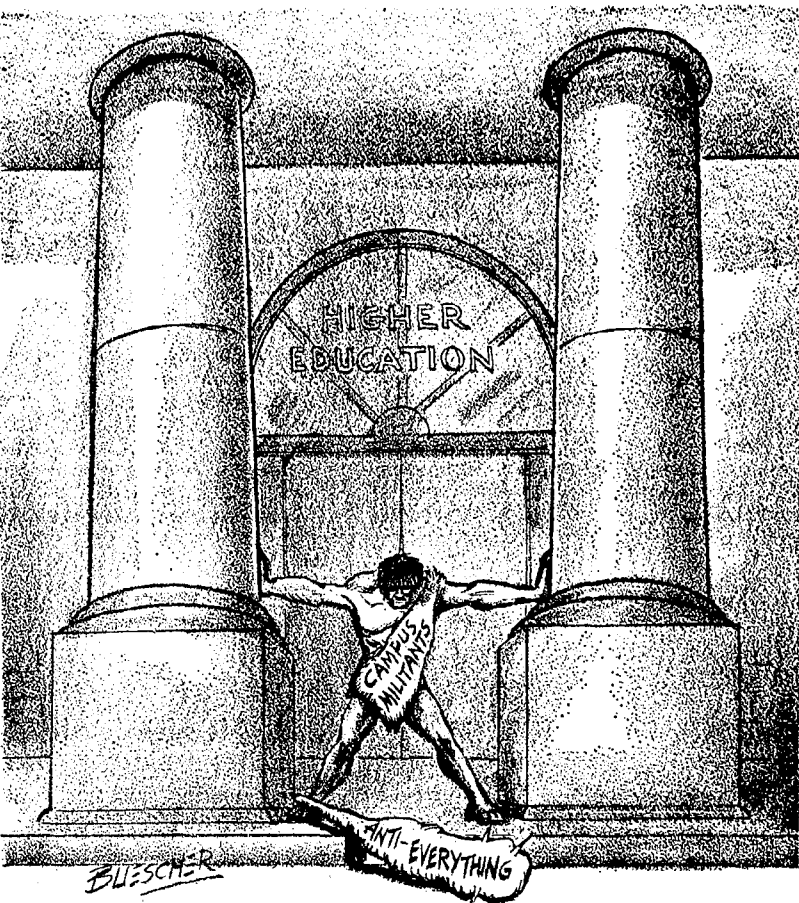
### Sea Threat

One-fourth of the Netherlands lies below sea level, forcing the Dutch to keep busy moving sea and earth to protect their kingdom from floods, the National Geographic Society says.

### Needed Gold

Salt was worth its weight in gold during the turn-of-the-century gold rush in the Yukon. Prices fluctuated wildly. One winter, flour sold for \$75 a sack, and a cucumber brought \$5, the National Geographic says.

### Regression



### GLANCING BACKWARDS

#### POLICE ISSUE MANY NO PARKING TICKETS

St. Joseph police have been issuing tickets to motorists who park along Niles avenue at a rate of about 30 or 40 a day.

The state highway department erected "no parking at any time" signs last week and the police department began to issue tickets.

#### AREA STALLED IN SNOWSTORM

Some postmen didn't even ring once Friday, thanks to the weather. St. Joseph's rural carriers were bogged down by 7 1/2-inch snow that has mostly fallen since 7 a.m. Friday and unable to make many of their deliveries. Police in Benton Harbor and St. Joseph reported traffic accidents were most frequent with St. Joseph police estimating accidents here tripled.

Late this morning, the U.S. Coast Guard station reported the thermometer frozen at 12 degrees since 4 a.m. today. That was the low, the Coast Guardsmen said. Winds dropped from near 50 mph gusts Friday morning to about 20 mph 24 hours later.

#### YANKS LAY SIEGE TO CASSINO

Americans of the Fifth army laid siege to Cassino today after reaching the Lirio river on which stands that German garrison guarding the Liri valley approach to Rome, 70 miles

away. The immediate approach to the central Italian stronghold of Cassino was cleared over the weekend when the American troops captured the last high ground before the town by seizing Mt. Trocchio, two miles away. The French were closing in from the northeast.

#### GET ORDERS

Twin city banks received copies of the treasury department's latest ukase ordering delivery of all gold, gold coin, bullion and gold certificates to the U.S. Treasury not later than midnight last night.

#### RAID 'BUCKET'

"The Bucket of Blood" on Ship street again was put out of commission last night and two other places in that twin cities were raided when Sheriff Bridgman took his "sponge squad" out.

#### RAISE \$100

A rabbit feed at the Elks club raised \$100 toward the fund for the lodge's proposed new temple.

#### MOVING OUTFIT

Joseph Benning is removing his fishing outfit to the E.T. Graham docks.

### HENRY CATHCART

### Inside Washington

WASHINGTON — In recent times the Senate has reflected a more liberal view toward legislation than the House of Representatives. It has shown an inclination to appropriate more funds for various government programs and departments, as well as adopting more liberal provisions in new legislation.

There were copious signs, as the new 91st Congress opened its doors, that this pattern would continue and, in fact accelerate, in the coming two years. This is so despite the fact that, on a proportionate

basis, the size of the Democratic majority has been reduced more sharply than that of the House as the result of last November's elections.

In its organizing phase the House of Representatives stuck with its traditional leadership figures in both parties. Even though the House Democrats, particularly, were given an opportunity to choose new leaders who claimed to represent the "new politics," they were rejected handily.

In the Senate, however, it was a different story. Both the Democratic majority and the Republican minority there shook off a part of the traditional leadership figures and, in tough contests, the voting indicated that they wanted to move further toward the left. Thus, a middle of the road Democrat was defeated for the post of Democratic Party whip by an avowed liberal — Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and a conservative Republican was defeated for the whip post by a moderate — Sen. Hugh Scott, R-Pa.

To a degree both contests involved the personalities of the opposing senators. But this should not obscure the deeper conclusion — that the Senate is ready — or at least more ready — than the House to deal realistically with some of the programs which liberals have been espousing as solutions to the major problems besetting America.

It can be assumed that the incoming Nixon administration has taken note of the Senate trend, and that its program will be proposed in the light of that consideration.

#### WILLIAM RITT

### You're Telling Me!

In 1963 France started a campaign to cut down on drinking. Apparently the objective has been misunderstood.

France has reached a per capita alcohol consumption of 28 quarts a year. De Gaulle may be unbending but obviously he doesn't speak for all the population.

France's 28 quarts per capita of alcohol is three times as much as the Americans. And we've got more roads to have one for.

The French people seem to have a lot of faith in De Gaulle. He wants to restore France to her former glory and already they're celebrating.

### DR. COLEMAN

### ..And Speaking Of Your Health

Yearly warnings and health campaigns are remarkably effective in teaching people the value of preventative medicine. They take heed in many instances and reap the dividends in good health. Sometimes, however, there is a tendency to carelessness, for which a penalty is paid in long disability.

Frostbite is the unhappy result of over-exposure to freezing temperatures with resultant injury to the delicate, exposed tissues of the body.

Simple precautions can prevent the long and painful illness and incapacitation that result from overexposure.

It is imperative that people recognize the earliest symptoms of frostbite which is caused by a decrease in the amount of blood and oxygen to the tips of the fingers, the toes, the ear lobes, the nose and the cheeks. A sensation of "pins and needles" with numbness and distinct pallor occurs at the very beginning of frostbite. Later the blanched skin begins to turn a bluish or purplish red.

Of all unpleasant illnesses, frostbite is the one that is most preventable. Warm clothing, preferably in several layers that do not bind the body tightly, warm dry insulated gloves, socks and waterproof shoes must be worn by anyone who, at work or at play, is exposed to sub-zero weather. All clothing and shoes must be loose so that they do not close off the blood vessels by constriction. It takes remarkably little exposure to cold and wind to affect the delicate "end" tissue of the body.

A friend and patient of mine living in the suburbs of New York was caught in a blizzard snowstorm and walked for ten minutes to a garage. In this short time overexposure led to frostbite and gangrene of one foot which incapacitated him for

months before it regained circulation. On the basis of this experience I feel that it is an excellent idea for motorists who live in rural areas to carry an extra supply of heavy clothing and warm overshoes in their automobile, should it become necessary for them to seek assistance in a storm.

When frostbite is suspected, bring the victim into a warm room to allow gentle thawing. This can best be done by immersing the frostbitten area in tepid water. Do not rub or massage the frozen part of the body too vigorously. This may expose it to infection.

A technique that has been used by some people has absolutely no justification. The application of ice or snow to the frozen part has no medical value and in fact is exceedingly hazardous. It must be remembered that a frostbitten leg or arm is far less sensitive than a normal one. Extremes of heat are not felt and the application of hot water bags may cause severe burns and further damage the underlying tissue. Do too little rather than too much in heroic attempts to help a victim of frostbite.

A physician's direction by telephone, if one is not available, is imperative. The doctor may suggest antibiotics, anticoagulants and other drugs which now are helpful in preventing the complications of frostbite.

Sensible anticipation for workers, hunters and skiers of the possibility of rapid changes in temperature can avoid this unnecessary injury to the body.

#### SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: When last was your chest X-rayed?

These columns are designed to relieve your fears about health through a better understanding of your mind and body. All the hopeful new advances in medicine reported here are known to doctors everywhere.

Your individual medical problems should be handled by your own doctor. He knows you best.

### JAY BECKER

### Contract Bridge

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1♦	1♥	Pass	Pass
2♦	Pass	?	?

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠9754 ♥742 ♦63 ♣985
2. ♠Q8763 ♥953 ♦J ♣KJ92
3. ♠J82 ♥KJ983 ♦84 ♣Q73
4. ♠K4 ♥QJ85 ♦93 ♣J9642

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has been:

1. One spade. If you play enough bridge, you get accustomed to holding hands like this once in a while. The best you can do when you get them is maintain silence unless your partner forces you to bid. In the present case, partner's double is not for penalties; it is for takeout. Partner wants you to bid, and it is your duty to respond. Situations where partner would have seven defensive tricks are much too rare for you to treat a double in this sequence as a penalty double. Logically, the double is for takeout. If North wanted to defend against one heart, he would pass.

North would also pass with a minimum opening bid, having spoken his piece when he said one diamond. It follows, therefore, that North is better than minimum. With a one-suited hand he would rebid his diamonds; with a two-suited hand he would probably bid his second suit. Consequently, he is

likely to have a hand that looks something like:

likely to have a hand that looks something like:  
♠A82 ♥10 ♦AQJ4 ♣KJ62

Your spade response does not promise values. It is better to bid a spade than two clubs. It keeps the bidding lower.

2. Two spades. This isn't much of a hand either, standing by itself, but, considering partner's bidding, game is a distinct possibility. A one spade response would not reflect the promise of the hand. Partner might think you had a terrible hand, which you haven't.

You can't make the same response here as you did with the first hand. Partner is not a mind reader. You must jump to two spades to show signs of life.

3. Pass. Partner is asking you to bid by doubling one heart, but it is your prerogative to change his takeout double into a business double by passing — provided you have the righthand for it. You can probably take four tricks with hearts as trumps, and North is also likely to take four tricks. One heart doubled is probably the best spot.

4. One notrump. The choice lies between one notrump and two clubs. A bid of two clubs would not reflect your scattered high-card strength and could be based on a very weak hand. The notrump and response is more encouraging and is never with a poor hand. Since game is by no means out of the question, you choose the bid that offers the best chance of getting you there.

### BENNET CERF

### Try And Stop Me

A bright young Wall Streeter confided to a jeweler friend, "I've gotten myself engaged — and will be bringing my fiancée in to pick out a ring tomorrow. I'm counting on you not to show her anything that costs more than a thousand bucks." "You have my word," promised the jeweler — and he lived up to it. The Wall Streeter called him later to thank him. "It wasn't easy," admitted the jeweler. "It took a half hour to talk her out of a \$500 item!"



If the shifting mood and international postures struck by France puzzle you, cheer up: they puzzle the French people themselves. So proclaims Francois Nourissier in his penetrating new book, "The French."

The French, he points out, invented monarchy — then overthrew it. They've always loved law — but live in a state of virtually permanent anarchy. The same people who voted for the Popular Front in 1936, voted just five years later for the authoritarian rule of Vichy. They are cheeky about chic, revere put blackball Britain, holiday in Spain, nag the U.S.A. — and miraculously transform disaster into renaissance.

#### Factograph

Harry S. Truman was the first president born in Missouri.

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## ASK ELECTION OF 12 TO MODEL CITIES UNIT

### SJ School Dedication Is Sunday

Improved Facilities At Milton Jr. High Will Be Shown

Dedication of St. Joseph's newly-named Milton junior high school, and an open house to show its many new features, is scheduled for Sunday afternoon.

The dedication will be at 3 p.m. in the auditorium. The open house is scheduled to start at 2 p.m. and run to 4 p.m.

St. Joseph junior high school on Niles and Forres avenues at Winchester street, has been named Milton junior high school by the St. Joseph school board. The name honors the man who was principal there for a quarter of a century, from 1920 to 1946, Clare L. Milton, 2331 Niles avenue, St. Joseph.

**TEACHER WILL SPEAK**  
Supt. Richard Ziehm will preside at the ceremony and Dr. Dean K. Ray, president of the St. Joseph board of education will speak. Miss Loretta White, former teacher, will give a resume of "Mr. Milton's Life."

Milton will also speak at the ceremony. Patrick H. Ryan, junior high school principal will give a short history of the building. It was originally constructed in 1916 and enlarged in 1936 when it was used as a senior high building.

The building is designed to hold approximately 750 pupils but enrollment in recent years has climbed toward the 1,000 mark. At Christmas Ryan said 1,015 were studying there. When school opens next fall enrollment will be approximately half of what it is now.

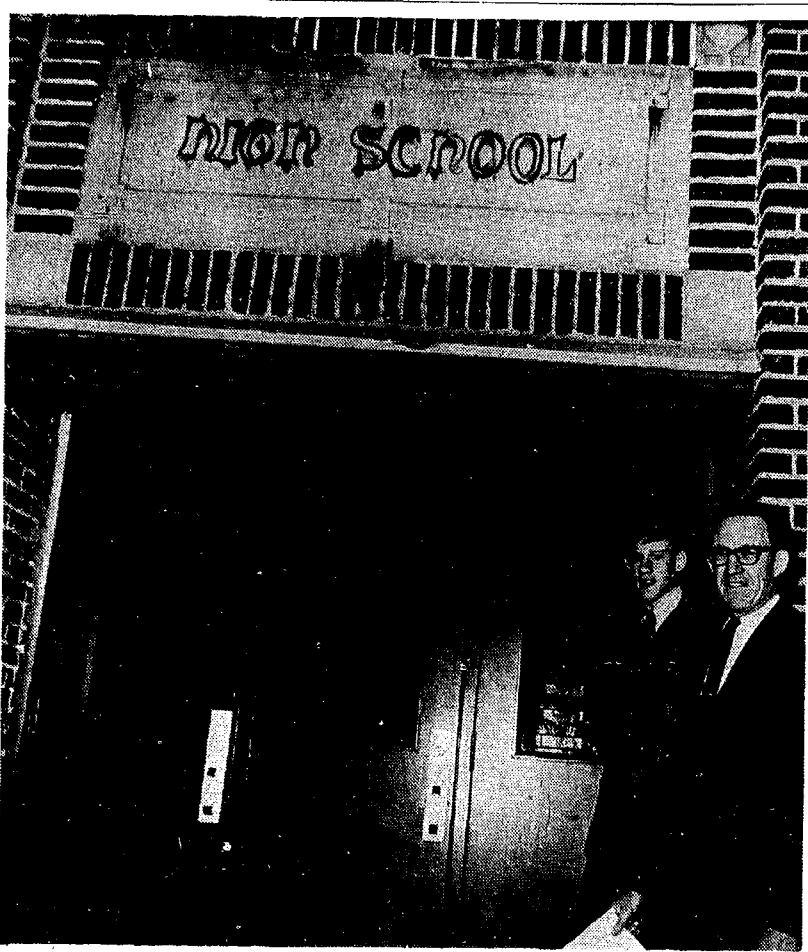
In the past few years the school district has spent almost a half million dollars to bring the building up to specifications ordered by the fire marshal. The board also ordered installed a cafeteria, new auditorium seating and modernized the equipment and lighting.

**EQUAL FACILITIES**  
Ziehm said the facilities are equal to those of the new Upton Junior high school now under construction.

Members of this year's junior class of St. Joseph high school set aside money three years ago to put a new name on the building. New metal plaques will cover the old stone "high school" signs over the entrances on Forres and Niles avenues.

Ryan said a plaque commemorating the naming of the school will be placed in the Forres avenue lobby.

Highlights of the tour Sunday will be the shop area, the science laboratories, the library, and the cafeteria.



**END OF HIGH SCHOOL:** The high school inscription became obsolete in 1959 when St. Joseph opened a new high school on Lakeview. This building on Niles avenue has since been used as junior high and plaque bearing name of "Milton Junior High" will be mounted over entrance. Preparing to greet visitors at open house Sunday are Packy Ryan, president of student council, and his father, Patrick, principal of school. (Staff photo)

### Value Of Religion Topic For Discussion

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### Due On WHFB Sunday

"What Use Is Religion To A Modern Man?" is the topic for the first Twin Cities Community Forum program of 1969 on WHFB radio Sunday, 2-2:30 p.m.

The forum this year will operate with a new format—a brisk 30-minute dialogue among the panel without the delays encountered by telephone questions or audience comments.

Participants on the first panel are The Rev. Robert Jacobson of First Congregational United

Church of Christ, Benton Harbor; Rabbi Joseph Schwarz of Temple Beth El; and Rev. David Boggs of St. Joseph Catholic church.

Moderator will be George Welch. The forum is sponsored by a host of Twin City civic groups and educational institutions.

The clergymen of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths will give their impressions of the value of faith to secularized man.

Rev. Jacobson has been pastor of the First Congregational church since August, 1967. He has served parishes in Michigan for 14 years. He obtained degrees at Hiram college and Oberlin Graduate School Theology. He has served as departmental chairman for campus work in Michigan for the United Church of Christ.

Born in Germany, Rabbi Schwarz attended the University of Breslau, University of Cologne and Jewish Technological Seminary in Breslau. He received a doctor of divinity degree from Hebrew Union college and has been at Temple Beth El since 1949.

Father Boggs came to St. Joseph last August after assist-

ant pastorates at Flint St. Michael and Battle Creek St. Phillip. A graduate of Catholic university, Washington, D.C., he was ordained in 1965.

### Ehrenberg Will Seek Sixth Term

Warren Gast Files In SJ

Mayor W.H. (Duke) Ehrenberg filed for the sixth time and Warren Gast for the first time, yesterday afternoon for two three-year terms on the St. Joseph city commission.

Ehrenberg, an 18-year veteran commissioner is seeking re-election. Gast is making his first political bid. A resident of 2718 Lakeview avenue, Gast is general manager of Gast Manufacturing Co., M-139 Benton township.

Ehrenberg lives on Lake Shore drive and is owner of service stations on Main street, St. Joseph and on US-31 at I-94.

There are three seats open on the commission. William Rill, a commissioner since 1955, has announced he will not seek re-election.

Two others have filed for the two years remaining on the term originally held by Victor Plassman. They are Mrs. Bernice Frances McBride, 51, Auto Specialties Manufacturing Co. bookkeeper and Richard J. Globensky, 44, an attorney.

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER**  
It would take a total of five candidates or more for the full term and three candidates for the unexpired term to require a primary election. The primary, if required, would be held Feb. 17. Today is the last day to register for that election.

Deadline for filing nominating petitions is 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28.

St. Joseph city charter provides that candidates for city commissioner "shall be elected on a nonpartisan ticket, from the city at large, and they must be a registered voter and a resident of the city of St. Joseph for at least two years."

### CPC Takes Proposal Under Study

Contract With HUD Must Be Signed By March

A recommendation to elect 12 persons to a key 19-member citizens steering committee in the Benton Harbor-Benton township Model Cities project was presented Thursday to the project's controlling commission.

The Community Progress Commission (CPC), meeting in Howard Johnson's restaurant, took the plan under study until its next meeting Jan. 23.

In other action, a three-member committee was named to work out details for the election and the study on a permanent office was ordered.

**TIME LIMIT**

Kent Fuller, director of Model Cities programs for the Chicago region of the Federal Housing and Urban Development department, urged completion of the preliminary organization quickly because of the time limit on overall planning.

"The time," he said, "goes by swiftly. The contract (between HUD and the project) must be signed by early in March."

Signing of the formal agreement marks the beginning of the 10 months allowed to complete the project's planning.

CPC chairman Richard Peters said he expects the preliminary work to be done by March 1. He indicated elections of the citizens to the steering committee would be held in February.

The committee is to review plans, take part in formulating recommendations for programs and be the direct link between the people living in the district and the overall project.

Presenting the recommendations on elections was CPC member Louis Joseph, spokesman for a sub-committee on the districts. The plan, he said, was based on the districts used in the federal census of the area.

Each district would have from 750 to 957 voters. The largest would encompass the Blossom Acres housing development. Involved in the smallest would be the area bounded by Britain, Crystal, Euclid and Main streets.

**ADDS 4 DISTRICTS**

The proposal added four districts to the plan outlined by Peters 10 days ago. Under Peters' suggestion, eight were to be elected from districts, four at large and the rest were to be appointed.

According to Peters the appointive members, under either plan, could be used to cover age groups or other groups not represented among the elected members.

Peters named George Welch, Joseph and Mrs. Julia Barnes to the committee to come up with the details for the election. Age and other voter requirements will be covered.

Welch, spokesman for a sub-committee seeking a headquarters for CPC said a search in the project area turned up four possibilities so far. If none can be found, he said the commission should consider building or going outside of the boundaries.

One of the prospects, said Welch, would require a \$3-4,000 expense to bring the building up to minimum use. It would have about 800 square feet.

### Seek To Condemn Property

The City of Benton Harbor filed suit Thursday in Berrien circuit court to condemn property at 269 Colfax avenue owned by Mildred and Harold Henry Goldbaum for the city's Downtown-Riverview urban renewal project.

The city claims Mildred Goldbaum optioned the property, containing a grocery, to the city on March 21, 1968, for \$14,000 but later refused to honor it.

Judge Karl F. Zick set a hearing on the city's suit for Feb. 10 at 9:30 a.m.

Also named as a defendant is the late Fannie Goldbaum.

**KILLED IN CRASH**  
CHEYBOYGAN (AP)—Kenneth C. Couture, 26, of near Cheboygan, was killed in a car-pedestrian accident in Benton Township today.



**PARTY FOR BARNEY:** Stevensville village council member Barney Yasdick, 72, was honored at a birthday party Thursday night which was given by his fellow council members. (Betty Goetz photo)

### BARNEY YASDICK

### Stevensville Official Honored On Birthday

Long-time Stevensville official Barney Yasdick, 72, was honored at a surprise birthday party Thursday night which was given by his fellow village council members.

During the party at the Red Coach restaurant he was presented a cake decorated with an all-purpose road truck, the type of which he is usually seen driving around in the village.

He also received a certificate for dinner for two at Schuler's restaurant at Stevensville.

Yasdick has been a member of the village council for 21 years and has served the village as street commissioner during that time. He has served on the fire department for 11 years, has been water department superintendent for seven years and is now in his second term as mayor pro-tem.

He came to Stevensville from Chicago in 1919 and in 1922 he built and operated the garage now named Ted's Service Garage on the corner of Lawrence and St. Joseph avenues until 1952.

(See page 17 for further details of council session).

### Widow Seeks SJ Commission Seat

### Mrs. McBride Sees Need For Woman's Views

Mrs. Bernice Frances McBride hopes to parlay 10 years' experience as a bookkeeper and long interest in politics into becoming the first female member of the St. Joseph city commission.

The 51-year-old widow, mother of two sons, was the first to file nominating petitions for the unexpired term of Victor Plassman. The term has two years to run. She is being challenged by Atty. Richard J. Globensky, who announced his candidacy Thursday.

**CAMPAIGN MACHINE**  
She has whipped together a campaign machine among relatives and friends. Her first step after taking out nominating blanks was to talk to Albert Bittner, former city commissioner, for advice and his reaction, which she said was favorable to her candidacy.

Mrs. McBride has been bookkeeper for Auto Specialties Credit Union, a million dollar organization, since January, 1958. She is a member of the Marian guild of St. Joseph Catholic church.

This is her first venture into politics. She feels that people cannot criticize the operations of government unless they are willing to serve themselves.

Born Bernice Frances Steltman in Lake township, she attended Evans elementary school and graduated from St. Joseph Catholic high school in 1934. She attended Twin City Business college before her marriage to William McBride, who was a dispatcher for Norwalk truck lines in Monroe.

He died in 1953, 18 days after the birth of their second son.

She returned to St. Joseph after the death of her husband and after the youngest boy entered school she took the bookkeeping position with the credit union.

**TWO SONS**

Her sons are George McBride, a graduate of Aquinas



BERNICE FRANCES  
MCBRIDE

### Cast Heads Landfill Authority

Serves Royalton, Lincoln Townships

Lincoln Township Supervisor Harry Gast, Jr., last night was named chairman of a recently formed Royalton-Lincoln township landfill authority.

Other officers elected at the organizational session at Lincoln township hall in Stevensville are:

Arthur Siewert, a Lincoln township trustee, vice chairman; Allan Stockman, Royalton township treasurer, secretary; and Edward Kretschman, a member of the Royalton township board, trustee.

Authority officers voted to hold regular meetings at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Lincoln township hall.

The landfill has served both townships since December, 1967. It is located on land owned by J.V. Burkett on M-139, just north of Scottdale in Royalton township.

The authority was created by both township boards to operate the landfill. Previously, the landfill was operated by both townships. Operational changes had to be approved by both township boards before they became effective.

The landfill is supported both by taxes and fees to users. The fees help pay the attendant. Gast reported that maintenance costs at the site cost the two townships a total of \$16,309.38.



**NEW PRESIDENT:** Newly elected president of the Whirlpool Corporate Group Management club, is Oliver (Ollie) Einhorn. Other newly elected officers include: Kevin Cooney, vice-president; Bob Betson, treasurer; and Gene Serpe, secretary. Einhorn's first official act as president was to chairman to four committees including: Vincent Miller, program chairman; Floyd Fitzsimmons, arrangements chairman; John Flood, membership chairman; and James Flaherty, publicity chairman.

### Fairplain Band Has Big Task

Selected To Play At U-M Conference

As the first junior high school ever extended the invitation, the Concert band of Fairplain junior high school will play Saturday before the Midwestern Conference on School Vocal Instrumental Music at the University of Michigan.

The 88-piece Fairplain band will play before more than 1,000 expected music directors from three states in Hill auditorium on the Ann Arbor campus. It will be under the baton of its director for the past 13 years, Raymond W. Norberg.

Norberg said the band was invited to perform at the annual conference last year, because of the record of Division I ratings the band has won in the State Band Festival over the years.

The band will leave the school at 7 a.m. tomorrow on school buses, and is expected to return at 6:30 p.m. The Band and Orchestra Parents organization and the Benton Harbor school district will sponsor the trip.

Other bands scheduled to play at the conference tomorrow are the University of Michigan, Michigan State university, Detroit Catholic Central high school and Tawas Area high school.

### Masked Gunman Robs Fried Chicken Shop

An armed bandit wearing a red ski mask last night robbed the Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant at Fair avenue and Main street of \$300, Benton Harbor police reported.

Police said the masked bandit entered the building about 7:30 p.m. last night and walked behind the counter area to the kitchen. The man put a pistol to the head of clerk Maureen Edison, 35, and told her to go out front and take the money out of the cash register.

Police said the man left the building and walked south on Fair avenue. Police checked the area but found no trace of the man. He was described as a Negro wearing a black coat, gold-colored trousers and black shoes.



**CHEST RE-ELECTS BITTNER:** Benjamin Bittner (center) was re-elected yesterday to serve his third term as president of Twin Cities Community Chest. At left is Gerald LeFevre, assistant treasurer, and at right is Robert Starks, first vice-president. Not pictured are the other 1969 officers, Donald Ledrow, second vice-president, and Earl Place, treasurer. Henry Tippett and Ray Shank also were elected to serve on the Community Chest executive committee. The election of officers took place at the monthly meeting of the Chest board, held at the United Community Fund office in St. Joseph. (Staff photo)



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## Jackson Rules Courts Can Sit Outside District

By JERRY KRIEGER  
County-Farm Editor

The legality of an out-county district court sitting in the county courthouse outside its boundaries has

been upheld in a ruling made this week in Jackson county circuit court.

The question of the new district court's right to sit outside its boundaries was exactly the same as one that will be brought before the Berrien county circuit court today in connection with the Fifth District courtroom in the courthouse in St. Joseph.

All three Berrien circuit judges were to sit as a panel this afternoon to hear Prosecutor Ronald Taylor's appeal from a ruling of District Judge Paul Pollard that the Fifth District courthouse location is illegal.

Meanwhile, the state attorney general's office in Lansing indicated it expected to issue an opinion sometime today on the same question, at request of Senator Robert Richardson, chairman of the Senate judiciary committee. There are several counties in Michigan, including Ber-

rien, Jackson and Kalamazoo, where an out-county district court is sitting in the courthouse outside district boundaries.

Jackson County Circuit Judge Gordon W. Britten ruled earlier this week the

12th District court, which covers all of Jackson county except the City of Jackson, may sit in the courthouse in the city.

Judge Britten's ruling came on the motion of a defendant in a criminal case to quash the case because the 12th District did not have jurisdiction to hear his arraignment in its courthouse location.

His ruling held the state district court act establishes certain locations where the court must sit and also allows the district judges to determine other sites. The courthouse location, Judge Britten held, was for the convenience of the people and was not an abuse of the district judges' discretion to establish other courtroom sites.

He held, too, there is considerable precedent in other state statutes and court rulings, including those that allowed the old justices of the peace to sit any place in their county.

## Driver Dies; Bus Slams Into Ditch

HILLMAN (AP)—The driver of an Alpena school bus slumped over the wheel and died — apparently of a heart attack — while driving pupils home Thursday. The bus ran into a ditch, police said, but none of the passengers was injured. Henry G. Thompson, 62, Rt. 2, Lachine, the driver, was pronounced dead at the scene. The mishap occurred on M-32 near here.

## They Want City Status? Maybe Not!

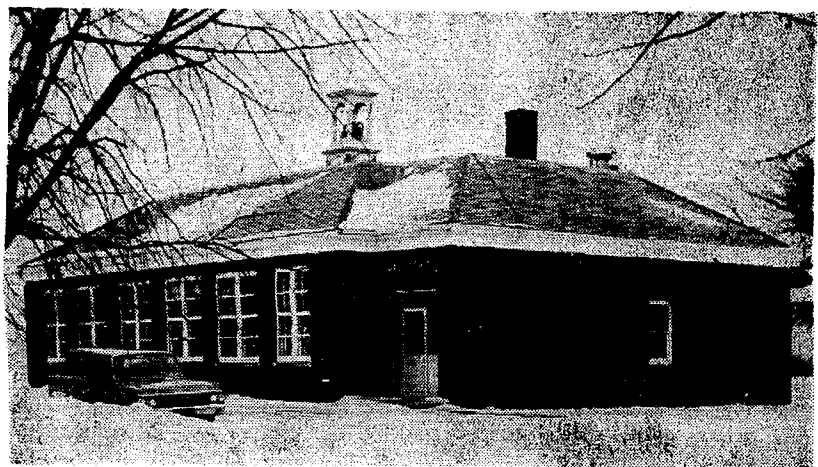
EAST JORDAN (AP) — The deadline is Jan. 20, but so far none of the 2,500 residents of East Jordan has filed a petition seeking a position on a city charter commission. The community, located in Charlevoix County, voted overwhelmingly in the November election to form a nine-member commission to rewrite the antiquated city charter, with at least five members to be elected. No reason has been given for the sudden lack of interest.



MASS PURCHASE: The conclusion of an era that lasted at least 70 years came about at South Haven yesterday when the buildings comprising the H. W. Williams estate were sold to six different businessmen. Henry Williams, grandson of the original owner and former South Haven shipping and industrial leader, signed final papers on the deal. Total price for the buildings amounted to \$100,000. The buildings are located on the east side of Center street

from Phoenix south to Appleyard Studio. Williams is seated. New owners are, from left, Rich Appleyard, Appleyard Studio; Alfred Baars, Baars Printing; Ted Inman, Inman Jewelry; Richard Shanley, Hart Insurance Agency; Ken Shinske, McKimmies store; Les Poorman, Hardt; Glenn Sperry, law firm of Chappell &amp; Sperry; and Pat Carnahan, Hardt agency. (Appleyard photo)

# PEARL STUDENTS WILL STAY AT SAUGATUCK



PEARL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: This is the Pearl school building on 56th street in Ganges township three and a half miles south of Fennville. It houses 95 students in kindergarten through sixth grade.

## Tuition Crisis Is Averted

Board Okays  
Special Millage  
Election Feb. 6

SAUGATUCK — Saugatuck and Pearl school boards, in a joint meeting here last night, worked out an agreement to permit 49 Pearl students to continue at Saugatuck junior and senior high school at least for the remainder of this school year.

To avert the high school tuition crisis, the Pearl board agreed to:

1. Pay the Saugatuck district \$3,000 immediately to cover 1968-69 tuition for seven seniors so they can be graduated.

2. Pay an additional \$12,000 by March 5 as partial payment of the \$20,530 tuition owed for the remaining 42 junior and senior high students for the current school year.

SPECIAL ELECTION 3. Hold a special election Thursday, Feb. 6, on seven mills to raise revenue for the remainder of the tuition.

After talking with Saugatuck board members, the Pearl board adjourned to another room and later came back to report it had approved the three resolutions unanimously.

But Donald Manchester of the Saugatuck board said the Pearl board action was not legal because it was taken at the meeting in Saugatuck township. The Pearl district is in Ganges township.

Pearl board members then agreed to hold a special meeting Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Pearl school, pass the same resolutions and forward a formal notice to the Saugatuck board.

Mrs. Richard Barnes, Pearl board secretary and director of the school, said the seven mills would raise about \$6,000.

Asked what the Pearl board would do if the millage does not pass, Mrs. Barnes said that would be considered by the board if it happens. But she said she believes there are enough parents with children in school at Saugatuck to approve the millage if they want their children to continue in school there.

Pearl school district property owners now pay school taxes at the rate of 19.09 mills.

"NOT THAT SIMPLE"

William Sexton, Allegan intermediate school superintendent, did not attend the meeting. Informed of the three steps planned by the Pearl board, he said "The whole situation is not that simple."

The special millage election date must be cleared by the county clerk, Sexton said, and some financial and legal procedures must be declared before the situation is worked out. He declined to elaborate further before talking with members of the Saugatuck and Pearl boards.

Saugatuck board members



JOINT SESSION: Saugatuck and Pearl school board members work out details of agreement for Pearl school district to pay \$20,530 in 1968-69 tuition for 49 Pearl students attending Saugatuck junior and senior high school. Donald Oyler, Saugatuck superintendent is at end of table at far right. Counterclockwise from him are his secretary, Mrs. Richard

Barnes; Arthur Cosgrove, Pearl board member; Gordon Aller, Raymond McKamy and Donald Manchester, Saugatuck board members; John Hollander and Milt Steffenbeck, Pearl board members; Miss Dorothy Patton, and Mrs. James Boyce, Saugatuck board. Residents of Pearl and Saugatuck districts are in background. (Prosch-Jensen photos)

## Funds Approved For Two SMC Buildings

DOWAGIAC — Funding for two new buildings planned for the Southwestern Michigan college was tentatively approved yesterday by the director of the buildings division of the Michigan Bureau of the Budget.

Tentative approval was indicated by Director Adrian Langius during a meeting in Lansing with SMC President Dr. Raymond Pietak, College Board Chairman Dr. Fred L. Mathews and State Sen. Charles O. Zollar, Benton Township.

College officials said Langius indicated his department will

approve funding for the two structures, pending approval of the detailed plans and specifications as presented by the builder and an okay from the state fire marshal.

Planned for the campus are an instructional center-health education and social science building to cost an estimated \$407,000 and a classroom structure to cost about \$287,000.

STATE PAYS HALF Half the total cost would be appropriated by the state while the remainder would come from building funds the college still

has from its original bond sale four years ago.

Money appropriated by the state must have approval of the buildings division of the bureau of the budget.

College officials said Director Langius said documents presented by SMC satisfied the intent of the law and complimented the college staff for careful and thorough study of the proposed projects.

Dr. Mathews expressed appreciation for work done by Sen. Zollar in assisting in the plans.

College officials are investigating the use of pre-engineered construction materials to help cut costs.

## Woman Injured At Niles

NILES—An elderly Niles woman was injured Thursday when she fell down the basement stairs in her home at 619 Chicago road, city police here reported.

Injured was Mrs. Minnie Bessemer, 79, who was reported this morning to be in fair condition at Niles Pawing hospital.

Police said Mrs. Bessemer was discovered about 9:40 a.m. by a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Fred Bessemer, also of Niles, who became alarmed when no one answered her phone call to the home. Police said the elderly woman indicated she had fallen about 9 a.m. She was alone in the home, police said.

## PLANE FARE MIKE

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Civil Aeronautics Board has tentatively agreed to a 3.8 percent increase in domestic airline passenger fares.

## Top Award For Coloma Principal

COLOMA — Victor Wier, principal and curriculum coordinator at Coloma high school, has received a professional certificate award from the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals.

The award is based on professional training, administrative experience and outstanding educational leadership.

This is the first year the award has been given by the association and Wier is among the first principals to receive the award.

Wier holds the longest record of service as a high school principal in Berrien County among the active principals. He was graduated from Western Michigan University in 1948 with a bachelor of science degree and began his educational career at Mendon as a teaching principal following graduation. In the summer of 1951, he earned a master's degree from the University of Michigan, and came to Coloma as assistant principal.

In 1954, he was named prin-



VICTOR WIER

cipal of the junior-senior high school and in 1964, he became principal of the senior high school when the junior high school was separated from the high school. That same year he was named curriculum coordinator for the Coloma Community school district.

In 1965, Wier received an educational specialist degree from Michigan State university.

Mr. and Mrs. Wier reside on Church street in Coloma. They have four children, Victor II, Connie, and twin sons, Jon and Jan.

## Striking Gas Men To Vote On Pact

Members of three locals of the International Union of District 50 United Mine Workers will meet tomorrow afternoon in Kalamazoo to vote on a two-year contract offered by the Michigan Gas Utilities company.

In the meantime, however, a walkout of Twin Cities workers for the company began its second day this morning and Local 12295 president William Pettigrew said it will continue until a new contract is approved.

Pettigrew said this morning that he considered the contract proposed by the company "a good one" and expects Saturday's vote to approve it.

STAYING OUT Local 12295 members voted after the expiration of the old contract at midnight Wednesday not to go back to work until a new contract were approved.

Members of the other locals, 14250 and 14249, that had been negotiating with Michigan Gas voted not to strike, and have been continuing to work beyond the expiration of the old contract.

Michigan Gas supplies about 18,000 homes in the Twin Cities area and company officials had

said last night the Pearl board in previous years had made a commitment to pay tuition for its students. But no such commitment was made last fall.

Nine Pearl district residents at the joint meeting last night complained that they were not made aware of the tuition crisis by Pearl board members. They said the first they knew of the difficulty was when their children returned from school last Monday to report that Saugatuck school officials said they would be excluded from school on Jan. 24 unless arrangements were made to pay the tuition.



FRED A. STAP

## Principal Is Hired At Bangor

BANGOR — Fred A. Stap, director of special services for the Van Buren intermediate school district, has been named principal of the Bangor elementary school. He will begin his duties next July 1, according to Supt. Howard Beyer.

Stap succeeds Fredrick Weiss, whose resignation becomes effective at the end of the school year. Weiss, principal since August, 1967, said he plans to work on a doctorate degree.

Stap was hired Monday during a meeting of the Bangor board of education. Announcement was made yesterday.

For the past three years, Stap has served the county intermediate school district, writing Title I projects for local school districts, processing pupil counts and teacher certifications and directing summer recreation programs and reading centers.

A native of Wyoming, Mich., Stap received a BA degree in 1964 from Hope college. He later received a master's degree in general school administration from Western Michigan university. He also has taught grade school classes in Kalamazoo and at Byron Center.

Stap and his wife, Mulrairie, are the parents of a son, Allen, 14, and a daughter, Sally, 11. The family now resides on a farm near Goblet.

## CHURCH MEALS

BUCHANAN — The Youth fellowship of the First Presbyterian church is sponsoring two pancake-waffle and sausage meals in Fellowship Hall at the church Saturday. Luncheon will be served from noon to 2 p.m., and supper from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The group advisers, Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Soales, will assist the young people.

## Chamber Drops Blossom Events

Decision On Disbanding  
Delayed At Coloma

COLOMA — Because of a sparse turnout, members of the Coloma Chamber of Commerce last night postponed a decision on whether to disband their organization.

Chamber members did, however, vote against sponsoring the local Blossomtime queen contest and float. This was turned over to the Coloma Gladioli Festival committee, a non-profit organization formed last year to hold the Coloma Gladioli festival.

About a half dozen Chamber members and their wives attended the meeting last night at Wit-O-Paw restaurant near here. The meeting was to have decided the fate of the organization which has declined in recent years.

Another meeting on the matter was scheduled for Feb. 6 at the same place. Chamber President Wesley Bexson said last night he would not rule out a possible merger of the Coloma and Watervliet Chamber organizations.

The local Gladioli group is headed by Paul Gard, Jr. It was reported that Mrs. David Lewis, who headed the queen event last year, will handle the duties this year.